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SUBJECT: VIRGIN ISLANDS SUBMARINE CABLE AND PRESIDENTIAL
VISIT.

REF: CARACAS 10271

1. AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY (ATT)
AND THE INTERNATIONAL RECORD CARRIERS (ITT, RCA, WUI
AND TRT) FILED AN APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) IN AUGUST 1975 FOR
AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE SUBMARINE CABLES
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ST. THOMAS (VIRGIN ISLANDS),
BETWEEN ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL, AND BETWEEN ST. THOMAS
AND VENEZUELA. IN MARCH 1976 AND APRIL 1977 THE FCC
REQUESTED EXTENSIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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FROM THE APPLICANTS AND IN MAY 1977 AN AMENDED APPLICATION
WAS FILED. THE MATTER IS NOW PENDING BEFORE THE
COMMISSION FOR FINAL ACTION. THE FCC HAS THE STATUTORY
RESPONSIBILITY AT THIS TIME IN MAKING THIS FINAL
DECISION. THEREFORE UNTIL THIS ACTION IS TAKEN NOTHING
FURTHER CAN BE DONE. FCC INFORMS DEPARTMENT THAT A
DECISION WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON.

2. FYI A) AT PRESENT, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VENEZUELA ARE CARRIED OVER AN EXISTING EIGHTY-THREE CIRCUIT SUBMARINE CABLE BETWEEN ST. THOMAS AND VENEZUELA (CONNECTING WITH THREE CABLES BETWEEN PUERTO RICO/VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE U.S. MAINLAND), AND OVER INTELSAT SATELLITE FACILITIES. THE CAPACITY IN THE SUBMARINE CABLE IS NOW EXHAUSTED. BECAUSE OF THE PROJECTED GROWTH IN COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VENEZUELA, THE VENEZUELAN ADMINISTRATION DESIRES AN ADDITIONAL SUBMARINE CABLE FACILITY SO THAT DIVERSE

COMMUNICATIONS ROUTING IS AVAILABLE. VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL, AS WELL AS U.S. CARRIERS, HAVE APPARENTLY ASSUMED THE RISK OF INVESTING CONSIDERABLE SUMS OF MONEY IN THIS PROJECT; WHICH MONEY CANNOT BE RECOUPED UNLESS AND UNTIL THE FCC GRANTS THE PENDING APPLICATION OF THE U.S. CARRIERS.

FYI B) IN ORDER TO MAKE THE REQUIRED FINDINGS AND GRANT APPLICATION, UNDER U.S. LAW FCC MUST CERTIFY THAT PRESENT OR FUTURE "PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE, AND NECESSITY" REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PROPOSED FACILITIES. AS PART OF THIS REGULATORY PROCESS THE FCC EVALUATES WHETHER APPLICATION DEMONSTRATES NEED FOR THE PROPOSED FACILITIES, WHY EXISTING FACILITIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE INADEQUATE, AND ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES. ALSO, QUESTION OF SERVICE RELIABILITY IS CONSIDERED IN THE FCC'S EVALUATION. IN THIS PARTICULAR

INSTANCE A PRIMARY CONCERN OF FCC IS THAT U.S. DOMESTIC SATELLITE FACILITIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN AUTHORIZED BE UTILIZED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT IN PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES BETWEEN U.S. AND PUERTO RICO AND AVOID, IF POSSIBLE, ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS. END FYI VANCE

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